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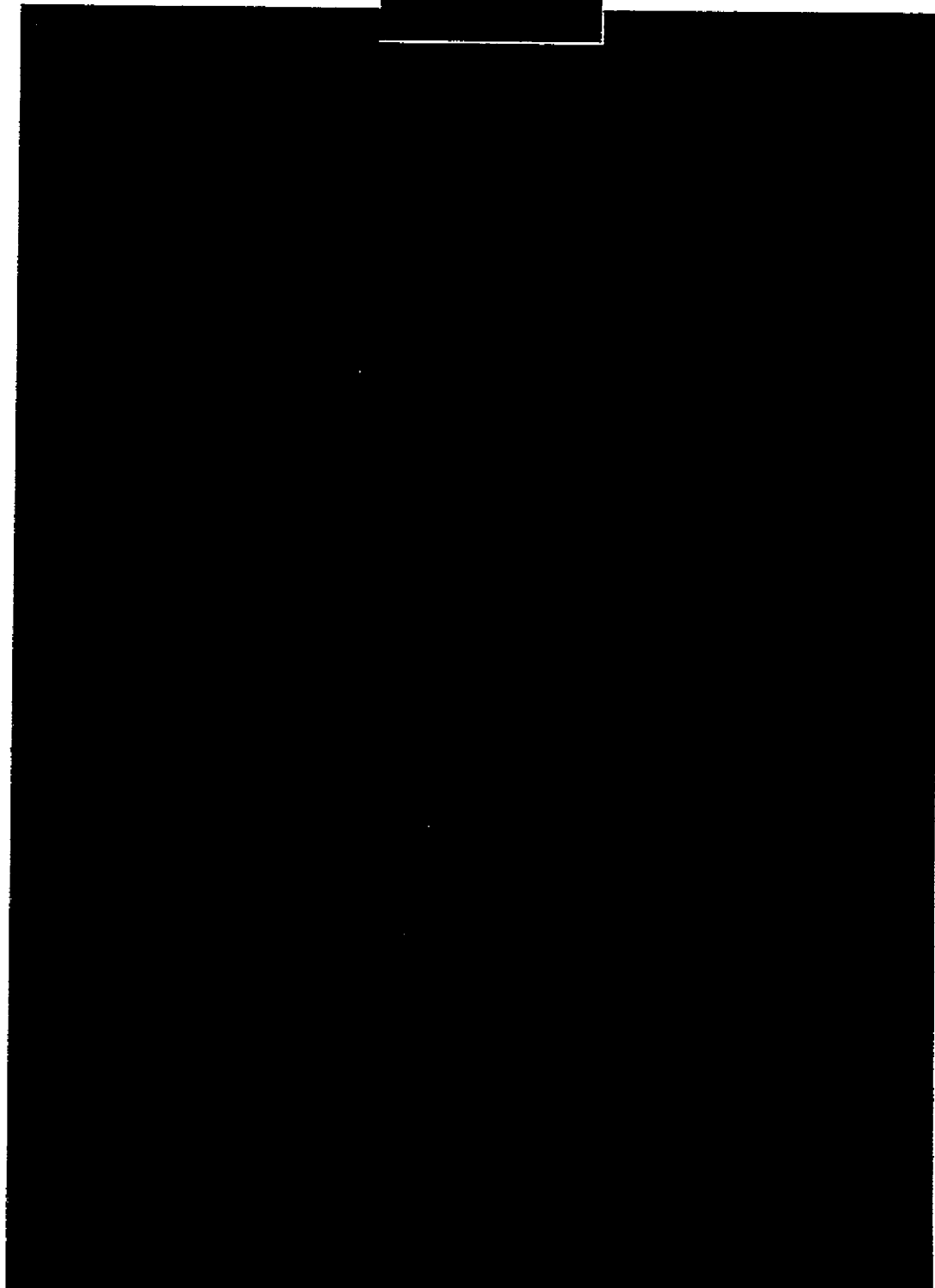
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### Chile's *La Prensa* Closed Following Financial Losses

Chile's Christian Democratic Party has discontinued its newspaper, *La Prensa*. The party blamed economic difficulties, but other factors contributed.

The party probably would have borne the paper's financial losses, were it not for the military government's ban on picketing and its unorthodox positions about the paper's content.

After a meeting between government officials and managers of the paper earlier this month, the party reportedly decided it would be better to close down voluntarily rather than risk the government's doing so later.

The party is said to be considering a new paper with a more modern printing plant. The new paper could be launched within the year, if the climate becomes more propitious for free expression.

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